



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2833

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For: BATTERY FUSE-CONTAINING BOX

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 4, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-8 are pending herein.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 4-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

A. Matsumura in view of Ishitani

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,576,838 (hereinafter "Matsumura") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,154,647 (hereinafter "Ishitani"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.